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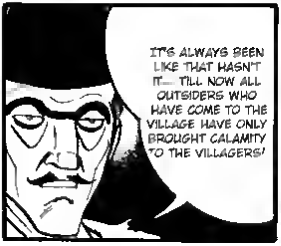
Danger

T/N: A TYPE OF SHINTO PRIEST, LITERALLY MEANS "GOD MASTER"


IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT HASN'T IT— TILL NOW ALL OUTSIDERS WHO HAVE COME TO THE VILLAGE HAVE ONLY BROUGHT CALAMITY TO THE VILLAGERS!

HE GETS HIS OWN FOOD! HE CAN CATCH RABBITS AND FISH LIKE AN EXPERT!
BUT SATORU'S DIFFERENT! HE'S MANAGING TO DO HIS OWN THING BY HIMSELF! HE'S BEEN JOURNEYING ON HIS OWN STRENGTH!
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...
KANNUSHI-SAN?
HEHEHE... WOULDN'T IT BE REST TO SEE SATSUKI-SAMA ABOUT IT...

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LET US CONSULT WITH SATSUKI-SAMA... IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND.
VERY WELL

A LIVING GOD...?!
A LIVING GOD!
SHE'S THIS VILLAGE'S "GUARDIAN SPIRIT"!
JUST WHO IS THIS SATSUKI-SAMA?
IT'LL BE FINE SATORU... I'M SURE THAT SATSUKI-SAMA WILL UNDERSTAND!
AAH SHE PREDICTED THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE AND SAVED MANY LIVES... THOSE WHO DIDN'T LISTEN ALL ENDED UP DEAD...!
THE EARTHQUAKE WAS JUST AS SATSUKI-SAMA HAD PREDICTED...
I THOUGHT THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES WERE GONNA SPLIT...

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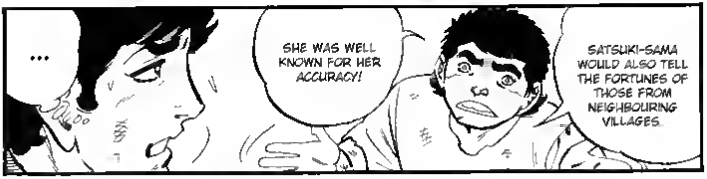
AND DIED IN THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE...
MY FAMILY WERE WITH SOME RELATIVES IN ANOTHER VILLAGE, SO THEY WERE UNAWARE OF SATSUKI-SAMA'S PREDICTION...

THAT AIN'T IT! TILL NOW SHE'S PERFECTLY PREDICTED ALL SORTS OF THINGS IN THE VILLAGE!

WHAT IF IT WERE JUST BY CHANCE...?
A PREDICTION EH... IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE...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SHE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HER ACCURACY!
SATSUKI-SAMA WOULD ALSO TELL THE FORTUNES OF THOSE FROM NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES.

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THAT MAN'S DAUGHTER EH...
EVEN KANNUSHI-SAN FOUND IT TERRIFYING, DESPITE HER BEING HIS DAUGHTER. SO THE VILLAGERS ALL TOOK HER WORDS SERIOUSLY

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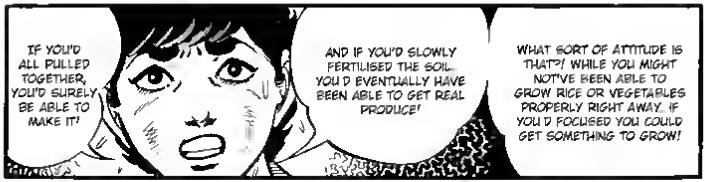
Oooo.

SAY, KAZUO-KUN... WHY'RE THE FIELDS STILL WASTELAND...
WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND GROW CROPS IN THEM...?
MM... EVERYONE'S SORT OF GIVEN UP ON IT... THE WEATHER'S ALL MESSED UP, AND WE'VE NO SEEDS...


IF YOU'D ALL PULLED TOGETHER, YOU'D SURELY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!
AND IF YOU'D SLOWLY FERTILISED THE SOIL... YOU'D EVENTUALLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET REAL PRODUCE!
WHAT SORT OF ATTITUDE IS THAT?! WHILE YOU MIGHT NOT'VE BEEN ABLE TO GROW RICE OR VEGETABLES PROPERLY RIGHT AWAY, IF YOU'D FOCUSED YOU COULD GET SOMETHING TO GROW!

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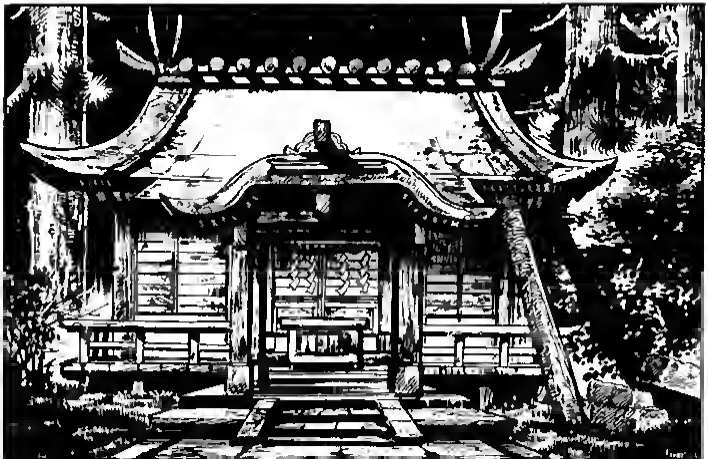
IT'S NO GOOD... THE VILLAGERS HAVE NO INTEREST IN THAT SINCE THAT DAY THEY'VE SIMPLY COME TO RELY ON SATSUKI-SAMA TO LIVE...
THAT'S WHAT GRANDPA SAID TOO BUT...

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING?! QUICKLY NOW!



TH... THAT AIN'T IT! HE'S MY FRIEND! HE'S NOT A BAD GUY SATSUKI-SAMA!
HE WILL CERTAINLY BRING "CALAMITY" TO THE VILLAGE...
SATSUKI-SAMA... THIS BOY IS A VAGABOND WHO ARRIVED FROM ELSEWHERE
IF YOU WOULD DECIDE

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HE'S A KIND GUY, HE EVEN LET THE SMALL FISH ESCAPE!
HE SHOWED ME HOW TO CATCH RABBITS, AND HE CAUGHT FISH BY HIMSELF!
HE DEFINITELY AIN'T A BAD PERSON!
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SO IF YOU WOULD DECIDE SATSUKI-SAMA...

PLEASE, DECIDE!

D... DON'T SAY THAT!
I MEAN I HAVE TO GO AND FIND MY FAMILY AFTER ALL ... IF I'M JUST GONNA BE A NUISANCE, I'LL JUST HEAD OFF
I FINALLY FOUND A FRIEND YET...!

SATORU!
ERM IT'S FINE IF I AM GONNA CAUSE ISSUES FOR THE VILLAGERS, I'LL LEAVE RIGHT AWAY...

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I DO NOT BELIEVE HIM TO BE A BAD MAN...
HE IS NOT A "CALAMITY" FOR THE VILLAGE...
THANK YOU SATSUKI-SAMA!
TH... THANK YOU!
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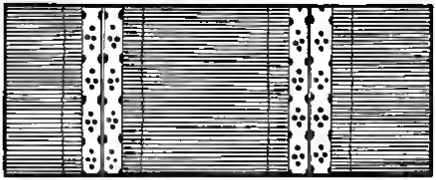
A... AAH, I'LL BE IN YOUR DEBT...
YOU CAN STAY! YOU CAN STAY IN THE VILLAGE SATORU!
THAT'S GREAT THAT'S GREAT SATORU!



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THE VILLAGERS COLLECT A HARVEST WHICH IS TAKEN LIKE THAT AND PRESENTED TO SATSUKI-SAMA.
SHE THEN DIVIDES IT EQUALLY BETWEEN EVERYONE...
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WITH THIS YOUR PORTION MIGHT AS WELL BE NOTHING!
WASSAT, THIS ALL YOU GOT?

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IT'S TROUBLING EVERYONE!!
NOT MUCH HAS BEEN GATHERED RECENTLY

WAIT THERE A SEC!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT! I NEED TO HAND OVER MY RABBIT TOO!
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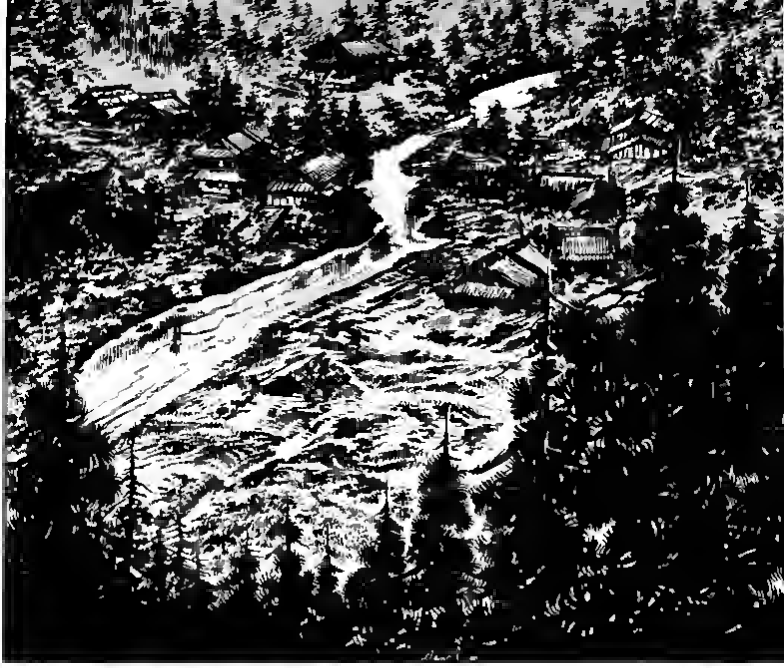

ISN'T IT YOUR JOB TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT?!
I MEAN THEIR HARVEST'S GETTING TINY.
BY THE WAY KANNUSHI-SAN, AIN'T THE VILLAGERS SLACKING OFF A BIT...

HEHEHE... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT... BUT...
TO EAT OURSELVES...!
IT'S THANKS TO THAT THAT WE CAN SYPHON OFF THE FOOD FROM THE VILLAGERS...

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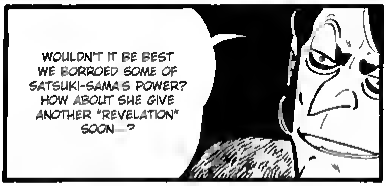
WOULDN'T IT BE BEST WE BORROED SOME OF SATSUKI-SAMA'S POWER? HOW ABOUT SHE GIVE ANOTHER "REVELATION" SOON...?

I'LL CONSIDER IT...
HEHEHE

IF YOU LEAVE IT TO ME LIKE ALWAYS, I CAN HAVE THINGS GO JUST AS SHE REVEALS...
WHAT ABOUT IF SHE REVEALS THAT THE VAGABOND IS TO FACE DIVINE RETRIBUTION, AND HE DIES AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH?
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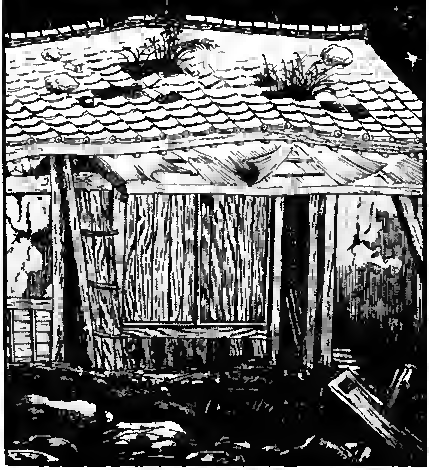

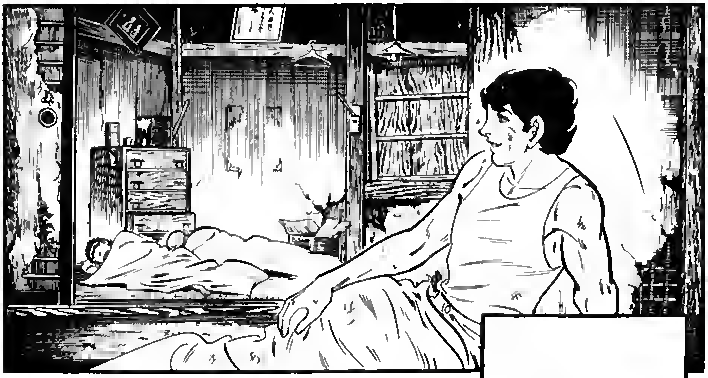

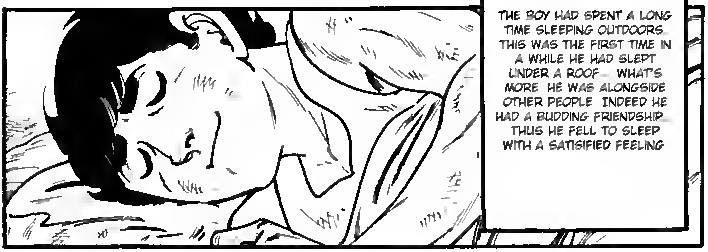

THE BOY HAD SPENT A LONG TIME SLEEPING OUTDOORS... THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE HE HAD SLEPT UNDER A ROOF... WHAT'S MORE, HE WAS ALONGSIDE OTHER PEOPLE. INDEED HE HAD A BUDDING FRIENDSHIP... THUS HE FELL TO SLEEP WITH A SATISFIED FEELING